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11. (SBU) The Philippines will likely become a partner nation in the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (reftel), according to Alan Deniega, Department of Foreign Affairs' (DFA) Director for International Political, Legal, and Security Affairs in the Office of United Nations and International Organizations. Deniega stated that the DFA supports this move and is now in the process of obtaining what he expects will be pro forma concurrences from other relevant agencies, including the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute. Deniega expressed doubt, however, that the Philippines would be ready to send a delegation to Kazakhstan this summer.

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